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## BYSIEWICZ: MORE THAN 25,000 CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS REGISTERED TO VOTE IN SEPTEMBER

WITH REGISTRATION DEADLINES APPROACHING, SECRETARY OF THE STATE URGES CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS TO REGISTER TO VOTE

**HARTFORD:** With the Presidential Election rapidly approaching, Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz reports today that more than 25,000 Connecticut residents registered to vote last month. Since January 1, 2008, nearly 150,000 Connecticut residents have become newly registered voters. Young people (18-29 years-old) continue to be the driving force behind the registration surge; 69,826 18-29 year-olds have registered since January 1<sup>st</sup> – the single largest group of new voters to register in this period.

"On November 4<sup>th</sup> Connecticut residents are going to make their voice heard at the ballot box," said Bysiewicz. "I am challenging all residents that want a say in the direction of our country and our state to register to vote and cast a ballot on Election Day. The registration deadlines are quickly approaching. If you are unsure about your registration status, please call your local town or city hall."

Of the nearly 69,826 new voters between the ages of 18 and 29, 30,792 registered as Democrats, 30,683 registered as Unaffiliated and 7,876 registered as Republicans. Bridgeport recorded the largest total number of newly registered young voters (5,369) followed by New Haven (4,053), Stamford (3,072), Hartford (2,807), and Waterbury (1,912). (Full table below)

Currently, there are 1,967,543 registered voters in Connecticut. Among these voters 820,268 are Unaffiliated voters, 728,177 are Democrats, and 412,675 are Republicans.

Registration forms collected as part of a registration drive or sent by mail must be postmarked or delivered to Registrars of Voters offices no later than Tuesday October  $21^{\rm st}$ . The deadline for individuals to turn in their voter registration form in person at their local municipal offices is Tuesday October  $28^{\rm th}$  until 8:00pm.

## ACTIVE VOTERS BY PARTY

PARTY	COUNT
A Better Future	3
A Connecticut Party	51
A Sentinel Party	35
Concerned Citizens	262
Connecticut For Lieberman	52
Democratic	728,177
Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	20
Green	1807
Independence	1189
Independence For Montville	11
Independent	1959
Libertarian	870
Norwich for Change	1
Orange Taxpayers	8
Pro-Bethel	5
Reform	89
Republican	412,675
Swing	1
Unaffiliated	820,268
Waterford Independent	1
Winsted Independent	42
Working Families	14
Working Families Party	1
	1,967,543

## NEW VOTERS AG 18 TO 29 REGISTERED SINCE 01/01/08

PARTY	COUNT
A Connecticut Party	1
Connecticut For Lieberman	15
Democratic	30,792
Green	98
Independence	133
Independent	146
Libertarian	76
Reform	2
Republican	7,876
Unaffiliated	30,683
Working Families	1
Working Families Party	1
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	69,826

## NEW VOTERS AGE 18 TO 29 YEARS-OLD SINCE 01/01/08 BY TOWN

TOWN	COUNT
Andover	58
Ansonia	339
Ashford	85
Avon	376
Barkhamsted	59
Beacon Falls	81
Berlin	345
Bethany	116
Bethel	329
Bethlehem	58
Bloomfield	433
Bolton	102
Bozrah	29
Branford	435
Bridgeport	5,369
Bridgewater	16
Bristol	1,093
Brookfield	313
Brooklyn	104
Burlington	141
Canaan	12
Canterbury	79
Canton	167
Chaplin Cheshire	36
	460
Chester	55 101
Clinton Colchester	191 251
Colebrook	28
Columbia	81
Cornwall	31
Coventry	202
Cromwell	292
Danbury	1,198
Darien	359
Deep River	69
Derby	197
Durham	118
East Granby	95
East Haddam	142
East Hampton	214
East Hartford	906
East Haven	382
East Lyme	274
East Windsor	228
Eastford	21
Easton	132
Ellington	258
Enfield	595
Essex	117
Fairfield	1,217
Farmington	530

Franklin	32
Glastonbury	736
Goshen	40
Granby	180
Greenwich	1,083
Griswold	208
Groton	674
Guilford	410
Haddam	135
Hamden	1,409
Hampton	15
Hartford	2,807
Hartland	35
Harwinton	73
Hebron	178
Kent	37
Killingly	208
Killingworth	115
Lebanon	104
Ledyard	310
Lisbon	59
Litchfield	169 30
Lyme Madison	30 377
Manchester	1,337
Mansfield	906
Marlborough	104
Meriden	793
Middlebury	108
Middlefield	71
Middletown	1,495
Milford	898
Monroe	384
Montville	280
Morris	21
Naugatuck	464
New Britain	1,320
New Canaan New Fairfield	446 215
New Hartford	140
New Haven	4,053
New London	673
New Milford	522
Newington	562
Newtown	421
Norfolk	31
North Branford	195
North Canaan	35
North Haven	315
North Stonington	83
Norwalk	1,776
Norwich	710
Old Lyme	88
Old Saybrook	152
Orange	260 170
Oxford Plainfield	170
Plainville	148 315
Plymouth	158
Pomfret	73
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Portland	141
Preston	76
Prospect	132
Putnam	137
Redding	200
Ridgefield	468
Rocky Hill	357
Roxbury	38
Salem	54
Salisbury	52
Scotland	18
Seymour	230
Sharon	40
Shelton	635
Sherman	59
Simsbury	510
Somers	154
South Windsor	487
Southbury	338
Southington	679
Sprague	50
Stafford	151
Stamford	3,072
Sterling	36
Stonington	299
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Stratford	1,143
Suffield	212
Thomaston	128
Thompson	128
Tolland	258
Torrington	562
Trumbull	664
Union	5
Vernon	609
Voluntown	41
	674
Wallingford	
Warren	18
Washington	68
Waterbury	1,912
Waterford	274
Watertown	337
West Hartford	1,517
West Haven	1,012
Westbrook	107
Weston	242
Westport	504
Wethersfield	414
Willington	142
Wilton	373
Winchester	136
Windham	387
Windsor	641
Windsor Locks	218
Wolcott	238
Woodbridge	177
Woodbury	167
Woodstock	141
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